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TOWN OF NEWINGTON - RE-OPENING PLAN

In response to decrease in Newington's cases of COVID-19, the Town Manager has authorized a systematic, gradual re-opening of town buildings to the public.

As our COVID-19 positivity rates will likely continue to fluctuate, the re-opening of town buildings will be done systematically and in Phases. The purpose of this approach is to ensure continuity of services, with limited interruption and disturbance should we need to revert to or advance between Phases, as well as to ensure the ongoing health and safety of both the public and our employees.

As was stated in a press release last week, we have been operating under our "Phase II/Orange" plan since Monday, May 3rd. In response to another decrease in our positivity rates, which were posted yesterday afternoon, the Town Manager has authorized the transition to our "Phase III/Yellow" plan on Monday, May 10th.

As a reminder, which Phase we will be operating under will be determined by the positivity rates released at 4pm on Thursday afternoons. An official notice of a change in status will be made by Emergency Management staff when it occurs, in the form of a press release.

The graphic released last week outlines the re-opening policies that will apply in all town buildings across each Phase. Please note, some departments have building or department-specific policies that should be reviewed prior to visiting. As we work together through this transition, members of the public are encouraged to call ahead to ensure that the services they are seeking are available.

Re-opening plans are subject to change, and will be updated and reviewed by Emergency Management staff as needed, in coordination with the Town Manager and Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD).

We are encouraged and excited about this continuous, steady decrease in positivity rates in our community, as well as the ability to begin re-opening our doors to the public. We ask for your patience and understanding as town staff work to make this transition, and encourage you to continue exercising caution so as to keep you, your families, and our community as a whole safe.

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